



**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE  
GROUP 1733  
PATENT APPLICATION  
Q65011**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of

Hiroo MATSUNAGA, et al.

Appln. No.: 09/993,504

Group Art Unit: 1733

Confirmation No.: 8148

Examiner: Steven D. Maki

Filed: November 27, 2001

For: VULCANIZATION PROCESS FOR PNEUMATIC  
TIRE AND MOLD THEREFOR

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Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated April 7, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows on the accompanying pages.

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**EXCESS CLAIM FEE PAYMENT LETTER**

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Sir:

An Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 is attached hereto for concurrent filing in the above-identified application. The resulting excess claim fee is calculated as shown below:

	After Amendment	Highest No. Previously Paid	No. Extra	Rate	Fee Due
All Claims	13	- 20	= 0	X \$18.00	= 0
Independent	4	- 3	= 1	X \$86.00	= \$86.00
<b>TOTAL FEE DUE</b>					<b>\$86.00</b>

A check for the statutory fee of \$86.00 is attached. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all additional required fees (except the Issue/Publication Fees) to our Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this letter is also enclosed.

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